 

**Wet and Wild**

**2023, Week 3 - Clues**

**Wet and Wild in a Food Web**

*Wetlands are biodiverse ecosystems with all the organisms interlinked to form different food webs. Just about every plant and animal is food for something else.*

*Each week, we are going to have 4 organisms which form a food chain, so there might be a plant, a herbivore, a carnivore and a large carnivore.*

1. I can be plant or animal.

2. I am a freshwater, filter feeder.

3. I have a spine coming out of my head.

4. I am a large bug and underwater predator.

5. My common name relates to the colour of my face.

6. I have a long thin neck and a dark, pointed bill.

7. I use a long thin tube attached to my rear end to breathe.

8. I belong to the decapoda family.

9. My long legs allow me to wade through shallow water looking for food.

10. I can be very, very tiny up to a few millimetres in size.

11. I have a transparent exoskeleton, up to 4 cm long.

12. Both parents help to build a nest in a tree and look after the young.

13. When flying, I appear to ‘bounce’ with long, slow-beating wings.

14. I have a fan like tail for swimming and 5 pairs of legs.

15. I float or drift through the sea, freshwater and even air.

16. I produce much of the oxygen that people and animals need to survive.

17. I’m about 70 cm tall and mostly light blue grey in colour.

18. When I am very young, I can be part of the first group in this food chain.

19. My name comes from a Greek word meaning ‘wandering’.

20. I use my 2 pincher-like front legs to catch and carry prey.

21. My common name makes me sound fiercer than I am.

22. I am also the main food for the Whale Shark.

23. My flattened, leaf-shaped body is brown.

24. I live under water but I’m a poor swimmer, I can walk on land but I’m also a strong flyer.

